

Quarterly Activity Report April - June 2009



Division of Information & Research



Imaging Branch

Total Sheets Scanned: **405,953**

Equates to:

Total Documents Scanned: **49,167**

Micrographics

Microfilm Requests: **8**

Total Sheets Printed from microfilm: **49,167**

Open Records Section

Written Requests: **3,305**

Walk-In Requests: **1**

Social Security: **134**

Pre-Employment: **3,882**

Fish & Wildlife: **8**

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Records Branch

EDI Section

Manually Added First Reports:

Claims: **284**

Agreements: **96**

Medical Fee Disputes: **4**

EDI Received: **10,158**

Data Entry Section

Mail Received: **24,191**

Orders: **6,707**

Opinion/Awards: **444**

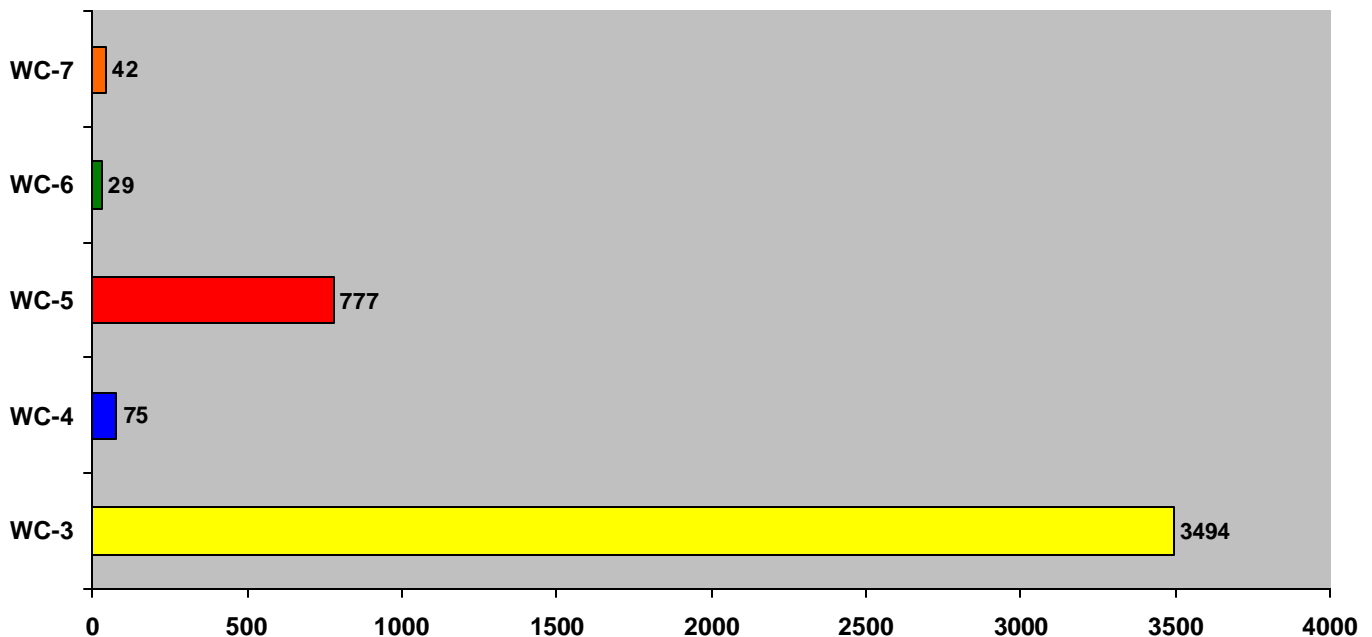
Docket Orders: **1,249**

Research Section

Mail Received: **435**

Web Calls/Emails: **273**

Statute Letters Mailed



Administrative Law Judges

Benefit Review Conferences	1,026
Formal Hearings	473
Opinions	413
Remands	11

Appeals Section

Appeals to the Board: **85**

Final dispositions by Board: **28**

Opinions rendered by board members:

Stivers	25
Gardner	29
Cowden	27
Total:	81

Appeals to Court of Appeals: **28**
Records sent to court: **28**
Court orders final disposition: **5**
Court of Appeals opinions: **10**

Appeals to Supreme Court: **8**
Court orders final disposition: **5**
Supreme Court opinions: **14**

Office of General Counsel

The Office of General Counsel received **222** Enforcement citation cases for this quarter.

13 UCP cases

2 Fraud case

Enforcement fine and penalties collected: **\$389,053.03**

Show Cause fines and penalties collected: **\$46,100.00**



QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

Lost Time First Reports of Injury	7,272	Dismissals	158
Claims Assigned	1,387	Re-openings (medical)	276
Pre-litigated Agreements	1,069	Re-openings (overruled)	14
Awards	164	Re-openings (sustained)	42
Agreements	774	Re-openings (motion docket)	188

Distribution by Body Part (Top Ten)

Claims

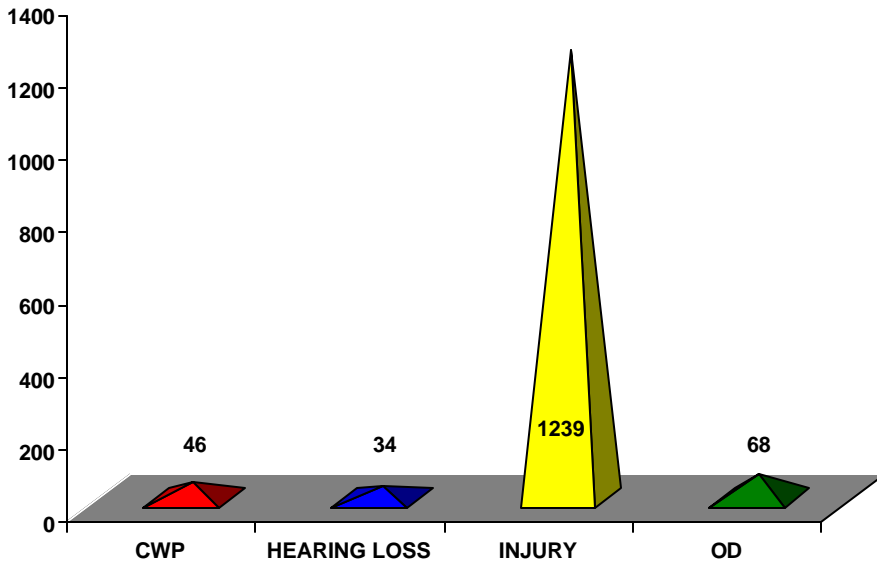
Multiple Body Part	274
Lower Back	244
Shoulder	126
Knee	103
Disc	53
Lungs	51
Wrist	44
Multiple Upper	
Extremities	36
Ears	35
Soft Tissue	34



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Lower Back	1,167
Multiple Body Parts	
Including Systems	803
Knee	635
Shoulder	591
Fingers	409
Ankle	358
Hand	306
Foot	248
Abdomen Including	
Groin	228
Wrist	219

Distribution of Claims by Industry



Claims figures are based on date of filing.

Top 10 Causes of Injury Claims

Fall or Slip	318
Lifting	231
Motor Vehicle	148
Strain or Injured By	127
Repetitive Motion	73
Pushing/Pulling	62
Absorption/Ingestion	60
Falling or Flying Object	56
Continual Noise	33
Other Injury (NOC)	31

Distribution of Claims by Industry

	Claims	First Reports
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	21	216
Mining	189	365
Construction	146	537
Manufacturing	275	1,192
Public Utilities & Transportation	140	592
Wholesale Trade	46	309
Retail Trade	168	1,148
Finances, Insurance and Real Estate	22	126
Services	310	2,292
Public Administration	62	484
Unclassified	8	11

Division of Claims Processing

Claims/Review Assignment

New claims	942
New claims to the judges	1,132
Motion docket cases	208

Agreements

First report agreements	1,160
Total Agreements Approved by ALJ's	1,904
Requests for widow's benefits	26

Total files returned for the period Apr-June, 2009 was **790**.

Number of cases purged was **1,318**.

Division of Ombudsmen and Workers' Compensation Specialists Services

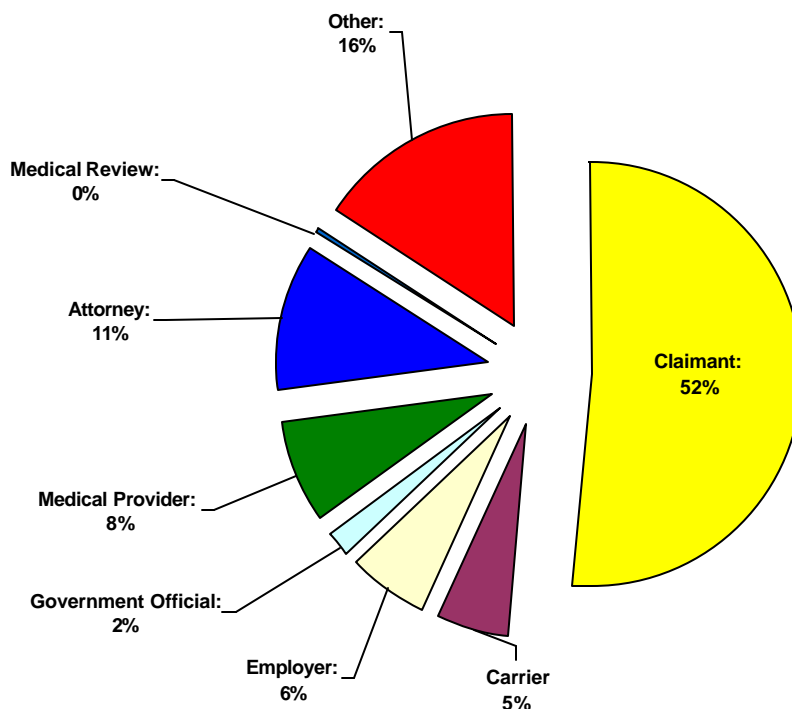
Mediation

Intervention Requests: **256**
Intervention Completed Successfully: **60**

Claims

Assisted Claims filed: **5**
Number of other forms assistance: **12**

Sources of Request of Assistance



Medical Evaluations

The number of shipments to B-reader's for HB 348 during the last quarter of the 2008/2009 fiscal year:

1st B-reader: 22
2nd B-reader: 20
3rd B-reader: 19
Total: 61



University of Kentucky	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09
Respiratory- 065	0	2	0
Chem/metal pos. 066-067	0	1	1
Hearing Loss 072	10	5	12
Injury & Dermatitis	3	2	2
TOTAL	13	10	15
University of Louisville	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09
Respiratory- 065	0	0	1
Chem/metal pos. 066-067	1	2	0
All other OD	1	0	1
Hearing Loss 072	2	4	2
Injury & Dermatitis	0	1	2
TOTAL	4	7	6

Vocational Rehabilitation

Cases referred by ALJ's: 9
Number of claimants requesting training: 2
Number of claimants approved for training: 1
Number of claimants who returned to work: 0

Division of Security & Compliance

Self-Insurance Branch

The Self-Insurance Branch reviews the financial strength of individual self-insured employers and determines the surety requirements necessary to cover their outstanding workers' compensation liabilities. Self-Insurance auditors utilize independent resources such as business periodicals, regional and national newspapers and internet business sites to monitor the financial condition of self-insurers. Currently, there are 150 self-insured companies in the state of Kentucky.

Enforcement Branch

	April	May	June	Totals
Investigations	1,120	904	969	2,993
Citations Issued	70	96	82	248
Penalties Collected	\$165,885.01	\$111,337.50	\$142,835.52	\$420,058.03
Form 4's Processed	389	336	350	1,075

Coverage Branch

Transactions processed 112,147

Acceptance Rate 86%



The Technical Support & Design and Development Section

The Technical Support & Design and Development Section respond to all technical, networking and programming needs for the Department of Workers' Claims. Technical Services Section responded to 671 requests and 233 Helpdesk issues were completed.



Design and Development's Major Projects Completed and/or Activity



Design and Development Section maintained and supported the SIMBA, EDI and POC programs. Design and Development staff logged and tracked issues in Test Track System when issues were reported. Staff implemented and installed the Online Coverage Lookup Screen. This allows our constituents and other parties to access workers' compensation coverage from the DWC website. Coverage Drop Letter build 1.0.1 was implemented. EDI build 1.6.2, SIMBA

build 2.3.0 & patch, and POC Importer build 1.0.7 were installed. SIMBA reports were modified and installed. Section staff are analyzing and discussing EDI Release 3.0 project. Staff converted old VB SIMBA screens to .NET. Design and Development staff submitted to vendors and constituents the June 2009 Kentucky EDI News newsletter. Design and Development staff created the KHRIS training presentation, manuals and held KHRIS training sessions with Labor and DWC staff. Staff ran queries for in-house staff when requesting specific data from SIMBA.